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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: **CELL ELECTRODE AND ELECTROCHEMICAL CELL THEREWITH**

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**ELECTION**

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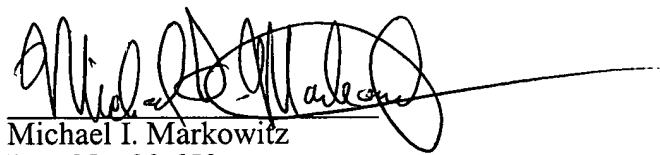
In response to the Office Action mailed on November 26, 2004, the period for responding thereto having been set to expire after December 26, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-13, for prosecution at this time. In addition, Applicants elect the nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compound in claim 1 and imidazole or its derivative as defined in claim 5. Finally,

Applicants elect hydrogen as the R group in claim 5. Applicants reserve the right to file continuing application(s) based on claim 14, and the species not elected above in claims 1-13.

Early examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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